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A SOLDIER'S BATTLE.

THE SECOND FIGHT FOR YPRES.

April 22—May 13.

By John Buchan.

The heroic story of the Second Battle of Ypres that raged across the shell-swept wastes of Flanders through three whole weeks is told below in graphic detail by Mr. John Buchan, whose articles from the front have already appeared in "The Times."

The grim struggle of British Line and Territorial regiments against gas attacks and terrible bombardments; the immortal stand of the Canadians; the brilliant charges of dismounted cavalrymen, who took the place of infantry; the countless deeds of individual valour, make up a story that will live always in our military history side by side with that of the First Battle of Ypres, the greatest struggle of the second phase of the war in the West.—"The Times."

The first battle of Ypres—still the greatest and most critical struggle of the Western war—began on October 20 and ended with the repulse of the Prussian Guard on November 11. The battle front stretched from Bixschoote in the north to Armentières in the south over a broad salient whose first apex was Neuve-Chapelle and second Gueluveld. In it we opposed numbers which were never more than 150,000 to an enemy whose strength was at least half a million. During the worst part of the fighting we had three infantry divisions and some cavalry to meet five army corps, three of the first line. We had to face not only a perpetual bombardment by superior artillery, but a succession of attacks by massed infantry delivered with desperate resolution. The German aim was the road to Calais; their assault was a deliberate and sustained offensive comparable to their first sweep from the Somme and the Meuse von Hindenburg's November thrust against Warsaw. Its failure marked the end of the second phase of the war in the West.

The second battle of Ypres belongs to a different category. It was confined to the northern segment of the salient, between the Ypres Canal and the Menin road. Probably the Germans had no elaborate offensive purpose of the start.

The battle began with a local counter-attack in return for our efforts at Hill 60; and when this attack prospered it was pushed beyond its original aim.

A proof is that there was no great massing of troops as in the autumn battle. Local reserves were brought up, but the German line was not thinned elsewhere. In two respects the battles are alike.

The second lasted almost exactly as long as the first—from Thursday, April 22, to Thursday, May 13, when it shook off the British thrust from Festubert. Like the first, too, it was fought owing to the British thrust from Festubert.

At the first, too, it was fought against heavy odds. A crushing artillery preponderance and the use of poison gas were more deadly assets than any weight of numbers. For days our fate hung in the balance, dispositions became involved in the fog of war, and it became a soldier's battle, like Malplaquet and Albuera, where rules and text-books were forgotten, and we won by the dogged fighting quality of our men.

THE SALIENT OF YPRES.

A glance at the map will show the principal difficulties of the Ypres salient. Its nominal base is the line St. Eloi-Ypres-Bixschoote, but its real base is the town of Ypres itself. Ypres is like the hub of a wheel from which all the communications outward radiate like spokes. One important road crosses the canal at Steenkerke, but all the main roads run through Ypres to Pilken, to Langemarck, to Poelcappelle, to Zonnebeke, to Gheluvelt and Menin, besides the railway to Loulers. Virtually all the supplies and reserves for the troops holding the salient must go through the neck of the bottle at Ypres. Now, early in November the Germans won gun positions at the southern re-entrant which enabled them to shell the town, and a bombardment was continued intermittently throughout the winter. A serious cannonade would grave interfere with our communications, and we had the salient with this menace perpetually before us. We could assume that a heavy shelling of Ypres would be a preliminary to any German attack.

From the middle of November to the end of January the salient was held by the French. On February 1 part of the French were withdrawn, and General Bulfin's Division was brought north to replace them. By April 20 the Allied front was as follows:—From the canal through Bixschoote to just east of Langemarck and covering the latter place was a French Division. On the right of the French to a point north-east of Zonnebeke lay the Canadian Division. From north-east of Zonnebeke to the south-east corner of the Polygon Wood was the Eastern Division. At the corner of the Polygon Wood was Princess Patricia's Regiment of the South-Eastern Division, which continued the front east of Veldhoek along the ridge almost to Hill 60. The trenches we had were not good, especially in the sector held by the Canadians. They were very wet and to improve them was a difficult task. Had it been possible it would have been better to construct a wholly new line. Further south the situation was better and the troops there were more comfortable.

The instant result was a four-mile breach against this sector.

The left wing of the army of Wurttemberg, whose headquarters were at Tübingen, Opposite the British were the 26th and 27th Corps, reserve formations composed of mixed Saxons and Wurtembergers, and the right of the 16th Corps from Alsace, the heroes of Zabern. Other detachments appeared during the battle, including a battalion of marines.

HILL 60.

To understand the significance of the events which began on April 22 it is necessary to go back to what happened on the 27th. The operations at Hill 60 were not strictly a part of the Ypres battle but they were a link in the chain of causes. Hill 60 is only a hill, to the eye of faith, being no more than an earth-hump from the cutting of the Ypres-Lille railway. Its advantage is that it gives position from which the whole German front in the neighbourhood of Hoëlloëre Chateau can be commanded.

It is just west of the hamlet of Zonnebeke, where the Household Brigade had their depot's charge on the night of

of Puebla till its last stand on the wood east of St. Julian between the Langemarck and Puebla roads. Beyond it there was still a gap and the Germans were working round its flank. The whole of one of the Canadian Brigades was in reserve, but it was impossible to bring it up at a moment's notice. The battalions in the Brigade reserve

of the Canadian line were brought forward by midnight and flung into the breach.

A battery of 4.7 guns, lent by the 2nd London Division to support the French, was in the wood east of St. Julian. That wood has no name, but it deserves to be christened by the name of the troops who died in it. For through it the 10th Battalion under Colonel Polya and the 16th under Colonel Lockie charged at midnight and won the northern fringe. They recaptured the guns, but could not bring them away; but they destroyed parts of them before they fell again into German hands, when the line was forced back by artillery fire. Another counter-attack was attempted to ease the strain: The 1st and 4th Ontario Battalions charged the German position in the gap. Colonel Birchall, of the 4th, was killed while leading his men, and his death fired the battalion to a splendid effort. They carried the first German shelter trenches and held them till relief came two days later.

A wilder battle has rarely been witnessed than the struggle of that April night. The British reserves at Ypres, shelled out of the neighbourhood of the town, marched to the sound of the firing, with the strange sickly odour of the gas blowing down upon them. All along our front the Germans were seven, while the Canadians left, bent back, were struggling to entrench itself under cover of counter-attacks. In some cases they found French reserve trenches to occupy, but more often they had to dig themselves in where they were allowed. The right of the German assault was beyond the canal in several places, and bearing hard on the French remnants on the eastern bank. To their eternal honour the hot Canadian Brigade did not break. Overwhelmed with superior numbers of men and guns and sick to death with the poisoned fumes, they did all that men could do to stem the tide. The 15th Battalion (48th Highlanders), who bore the brunt of the gas, recovered themselves after the first retreat and regained their position. The 13th Battalion (Royal Highlanders) did not give ground at all. Major Norworthy, though badly wounded, rallied his men till he got his death wound. Captain McNair, who had received a crippling wound, insisted that he should be left behind, so as not to encumber his men. And all the while there was the yawning rent on our left which gave the enemy a clear way to Ypres. Strangely enough they did not push their advantage. As in the first battle of Ypres they broke our line but could do nothing in the breach.

(To be continued to-morrow.)

THE NAVAL POSITION.

Tactical in the Baltic.

The German submarine rammed by a Russian destroyer off Danzig in the action of July 2 last is the fourteenth submarine of which evidence of loss is extant. The submarine U 30, sunk off the mouth of the Elbe, is not included in that number. She is said to have been raised, and it is reported that the crew, with the exception of one man, survived a submarine of thirty-six hours. Another German submarine was struck by shells discharged by the French Second Light Squadron in the Channel and she may have been lost. The same French squadron sank a German submarine on March 4 last. The naval aid afforded by the French should be recognized by the British public. The French Navy is doing incessant and valuable work, both in Northern waters and in the Mediterranean.

From the account of the Petrograd correspondent of the "Morning Post" it appears that the German squadron engaged by the Russians on July 2 is based on Danzig, which is a naval and commercial port, lying about sixty miles south of the island of Gotland, of which the engagement took place. The Russians skillfully despatched submarines to cut off the German retreat; thus it was that Germany lost the battleship Pommer. The incident hardly enhances the German reputation for ability in tactics.

As the German principle of keeping their heavy ships within easy reach of land fortifications is well-known in the Baltic, it would have been reasonable to surmise that the Russians would endeavor to cut off their retreat and to have devised a plan for defeating that maneuver.

The particular object with which Germany sent powerful squadrons to the Baltic is still obscure. Whatever the weather was thick; always a penalty for a naval engagement.

Through this gap the Germans were proceeding by the tides of the gas and supported by a heavy artillery fire.

The Canadians had suffered from a German attack, and between them and the left brigade of the Canadian were superior forces.

Had the battlehip squadron gone instead of retreating, it might have engaged the Russian cruiser with a tactical design. The principal effect

of occupying Danzig, so far as the Allies are concerned, is definitely to detach certain important units from the German Main Fleet and to keep them employed in attacking the British.

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General Memoranda.

SATURDAY, August 21.—

11 a.m.—Auction of Boots and Shoes.
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TUESDAY, August 24.—

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WEDNESDAY, August 25.—

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SATURDAY, Aug. 28.—

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area south-east of the Laurentian Plateau, which embraces that portion of Quebec which is south of the St. Lawrence River, and the whole of the maritime provinces. Here the geological features of the Appalachian Chain are encountered, underlain by paleozoic rocks, subjected to considerable folding and subsequent degradation. In this storehouse are found the coal-measures of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, of which the Sydney field alone has a proved area of 200 square miles in extent, but a great part of the coal-field, being submarine, has unknown possibilities. In New Brunswick the seams are not thick, but are very nearly horizontal, the coal occurring quite near the surface, the deepest shafts in the neighbourhood not exceeding 40 ft. In this district the coal industry is still in the preliminary stages of exploitation, though it has been established for many years. Some idea of the ease with which the coal is worked will be gathered from the statement recently made that the number of metric tons produced per annum per man is in Canada 488, while in Great Britain the number falls to 230. Our comparatively small output per man is explained to some extent by the extra labour entailed in "abnormal places," and the necessity of working thinner seams, due to the steady exhaustion of the thicker. Possibly the restrictive policy encouraged; or connived at, by the trade unions, is not without its effect. Besides coal, other minerals furnished by this area are copper, gold, sulphur, gypsum, oil, gas, sandstones, limestones, clays and building stones of various kinds. Unquestionably Canada has a great future before her, and once the war is over she is certain to forge ahead as one of the most important and wealthiest portions of the British Empire.

DEATHS.
BANTON.—On August 8, at Chinkiang, Norton Bant, 9 months old, son of Mr. Mrs. Bant.

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HOLIDAY MUNICIPAL WORK.
In response to an appeal by the professional organisations, over 800 Scottish teachers have volunteered for war work during the holidays. They will undertake the making of munitions, agricultural work, general manual labour, clerical work, Red Cross work and nursing, laundry work, sewing and mending of "admiral" garments, and work in Y.M.C.A. camps, etc. By far the greatest number of volunteers for the making of munitions are women teachers, who prefer a preference for Red Cross duties. The technical workers include many science teachers who have special qualifications and some hundreds of manual instructors skilled in the handling of tools. Many of the volunteers were willing to work without pay, but the organising committee have decided that there should be a standard rate of pay for stand-day's work. While there are 1,000 ready to undertake duty during the holidays, there are many others who would be prepared to do spare-time and evening work.

LAWRENCE, ACTOR AND HERO.

Lieutenant Kenneth D. L. MacLaine, 15th King's Hussars, who has been awarded the Military Cross, is better known as MacLaine of Lochbuie the Highland laird who left the Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders a year or two ago, and took to the music hall stage to repair his fortunes. He toured in Canada and the States, where he was hailed as a second Harry Lauder, and subsequently appeared in various halls in Scotland. The present Lochbuie's father, who saw many of the most stirring incidents of the Franco Prussian War as one of the correspondents of the "Times," was the brother-in-law of the late Sir John Lockwood, musical and dramatic director of the Highland lairds. Lockwood died in 1895.

An officer on leave from the front tells me the story of a Highlander who finding himself exposed to the Germans fire, was compelled to be in the open for twelve hours in a drenching downpour. When darkness fell, he crawled away into the trench, a bedraggled, woe-begone figure, and solemnly remarked to the officer in command—"Well, on due consideration, I think this has been the worst day I ever spent in my life."

MISCELLANEA.

In its illustration page, the "Glasgow Herald" printed a large group of the Institution of Engineers and Shipbuilders, Hongkong, which, it is stated, was taken at the Society's headquarters. It is well reproduced, and an old Hongkong resident tells me that he recognises many of the faces.

The Highland Light Infantry have won themselves a high position among Scottish regiments. Their record of honour for this war is being three Victoria Crosses for two C.B.'s (the commanding officers of the 1st and 2nd battalions), two C.M.G.'s, five Military Crosses, one Legion of Honour, one Medaille Militaire, and twenty-six Distinguished Conduct Medals.

Private Daniel Gardner, of the machine gun section of Princess Patricia's Own, who was awarded the Victoria Cross early in June, and has since died in hospital, was a son of a dairyman in Morningside, Edinburgh, was trained as a cabinetmaker, and on emigrating to Canada, settled in Calgary, where he was in the employment of the Hudson's Bay Co.

In three days' fighting recently, the 2nd Cameron lost 10 killed and wounded 28 officers.

WHO'S WHO IN THE CASUALTIES.

Second Lieutenant Colin W. Burley-Campbell, 1st Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders, who was killed in France on June 27, was the second son of Lieutenant-Colonel and Mrs. Burley-Campbell of Ormiedale, Argyll. He was born in 1888, and was educated at Ardwick, Perseverance and at Marlborough. He took his B.Sc. degree at Glasgow University in 1912, and worked under Lord Cowdray and Sir John Jackson as an engineer in Mexico, Venezuela, Syria, and Singapore. He left Singapore soon after the beginning of the war to join the Army, and was gazetted on October 20 to the 3rd (R.) Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders. He joined the 2nd Battalion on May 29.

Lieutenant R. D. Phillips, 3/2d Argyll and Sutherland Highlanders (A.), died on June 16, 1915, in France, was for a time in the F.M.S. Civil Service. He had an impressive appointment under the British Aluminum Company at Kinlochleven for about six years. He was for four years in the Ballachulish Territorials, when the war broke out he volunteered for active service, and was placed in charge of the machine-gunner section. He was second son of the late Admiral Henry Bouchier Phillips, and grandson of Captain Sir John Phillips, K.N. Educated at Marlborough, he took up engineering and science, gain the Whitmore Exhibition. In 1908 he was granted the Royal Humane Society's testimonial for gallantry attempted to rescue a drowning man. In 1910 he married Mary, daughter of Mr. Edward Bedford, and leaves two children, a boy and a girl.

Captain Archibald C. Hamilton, 1st King's Own Scottish Borderers, killed in action on the Dardanelles on June 23, was the elder son of Dr. John C. Hamilton, Hawick. The gallant Captain, who was 33 years of age, arrived in this country in the early part of the year in command of the Burness Contingent, and was transferred to the 9th K.O.S.B., subsequently to the Dardanelles about six weeks ago. He was a member of the Friends of the American Company, and its vice-president.

WILLS AND ESTATES.

Mr. William Taylor, of the China Sugar Refinery, at Fingotong, who, some time ago, resided at Glaisher Green, personal in the U.K. £24,700; A. P. T. T. £11,000;

£30,000 for religious and charitable purposes. Archibald Anderson, former Registrar of Friendly Societies for Scotland, died July 21, leaving to Edinburgh £1,000.

OBITUARY.

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THE WAR.

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DESPERATE FIGHTING AT KOVNO.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ANOTHER ZEPPELIN RAID.

SEVERAL CIVILIANS KILLED AND INJURED.

LONDON, Aug. 18. The Press Bureau announces that last night Zeppelins visited the Eastern Counties and dropped bombs.

The anti-air craft guns were in action and it is believed that one of the Zeppelins was hit. Air patrols were active but owing to the difficult atmospheric conditions the Zeppelins were able to escape.

Some houses and buildings, including a church, were damaged.

Seven men, two women and a child were killed and 15 men, 18 women, and three children injured. All are civilians.

ITALY AND TURKEY.

A RUPTURE IMMINENT.

LONDON, August 18.

A telegram from Rome states that there is every sign that Italy will shortly take decisive steps with regard to Turkey. The Italians in Asia Minor have been forbidden to leave the country, while the despatch of money and munitions and the issuing of incendiary proclamations in Libya, with the object of provoking a native rising against the Italians, still continues.

The Government organ *Giornale d'Italia* indicates that Italy's patience has been exhausted.

BIG RUSSIAN VICTORY IN THE CAUCASUS.

LONDON, August 18.

There has been fierce fighting in the Caucasus, the battle swaying for some days. The Turks claimed to have retaken the city of Van, an important strategic position, but a Petrograd communiqué issued to-day announces that in an important victory the Russians have retaken the city and routed the Turks whom they are pursuing, taking villages, prisoners and booty. The Turkish right wing also suffered a serious defeat.

The Russians, developing an encircling movement, captured Klyuch Puss thus seizing the Turkish line of communications on the right bank of the Euphrates. The Turks violent endeavours to recover the Pass were fruitless. They suffered great losses and then attempted to force the adjoining Puss but were defeated by Russian reinforcements charging with the bayonet.

The Russian envelopment resulted in the complete defeat of eleven Turkish divisions who assumed such an audacious offensive northward that those who managed to escape to the left bank of the Euphrates retreated in disorder.

The total captures by the Russians have not been ascertained but they took many machine guns, rifles, much war material and prisoners, including several commanders, many officers and thousands of soldiers. The whole district is full of Turks who are surrendering without resistance. Turkish shells and wagons litter the road.

DESPATCH FROM SIR IAN HAMILTON.

LONDON, Aug. 18, 12.40 p.m.

General Sir Ian Hamilton reports that the situation in the southern zone on the 14th and 15th inst. remained unchanged. The Turks, as usual, with their artillery fire had little effect. The Turks, on the night of the 14th and 15th heavily attacked our right flank at Anzacs. All the attacks were repulsed. Our troops at the new landing place on the Suvla, on the left front made a short advance on the afternoon of the 15th, and with a view to straightening the line they moved forward under considerable gun and rifle fire and gained five hundred yards, capturing a Turkish trench and taking some prisoners.

DESPERATE FIGHTING AT KOVNO.

FIERCE GERMAN ATTACKS REPULSED.

LONDON, August 18.

The Petrograd communiqué reports that the fighting at Kovno is most desperate. The enemy, after the most careful preparation, using heavy guns, including some 15 inch, attacked in full strength on Sunday and Monday, their object being the storming of the fortifications on the left bank of the Niemen. They succeeded on Monday evening in capturing a fort which had been greatly damaged by the bombardment, and in entering the spaces between some of the other forts.

In the western sector fighting continues. We repulsed a series of fierce German attacks on Sunday on the left bank of the upper Narew in the direction of Bielsk and Bielsk. The enemy in the region of the Novogorodsk fortresses, after a bombardment with their heaviest guns, delivered a series of attacks on Sunday and the following night against the fortifications between the Narew and the left bank of the Wkra River.

LATEST NEWS FROM THE WESTERN FRONT.

LONDON, Aug. 18, 5.36 p.m.

A Paris communiqué states that artillery actions took place at various sectors. In our bombardment of Lingen we destroyed two heavy batteries and blew up several ammunition depots. The Germans made two violent counter-attacks on the crest at Sondernach against a position we had captured. They were completely repulsed.

NO BOOTY FOR THE ENEMY ON THE EASTERN FRONT.

LONDON, August 18.

A telegram from Petrograd states that the Russians are taking no risks of booty falling into the hands of the enemy.

The military continue removing from Riga everything of any value and are taking the same precautionary measures at Bielsk.

The Germans when they took Lomza found the town stripped. It only fell after three days' bombardment being especially furious at night. The inhabitants throughout took refuge in cellars and basements, but nevertheless many civilians were killed.

BY TELEGRAPH.

RUSSIAN RESISTANCE INCREASING IN VIOLENCE

THEIR RETREAT "IRREPROACHABLE."

LONDON, August 18. An Amsterdam message says that German war correspondents describe the Russian resistance as increasing in violence the nearer the Austr.-German front approaches the Russian area of defence, the base line of which lies along the railway from Brestovitsa to Bielsk.

They emphasise that the battles are increasing in intensity with perhaps a retardation of the Austr.-German advance, which must be expected in the next few days.

A war correspondent of the *Berliner Tageblatt* with General Woysch says:—"The Russian retreat may be characterised as irreproachable. All railways, viaducts, tunnels and bridges were blown up strictly according to order and correctly but buildings in the towns were spared. Little was improperly destroyed and Kielce is quite untouched.

AMERICAN STERLING EXCHANGE

STRINGENCY.

\$5,000,000 FROM CANADA.

LONDON, Aug. 18. A telegram from Ottawa states that \$5,000,000 (gold) have been shipped from the vaults of the Finance Department to New York, being the balance of \$100,000,000 placed here on British account soon after the outbreak of the war.

The shipment is expected to relieve the exchange situation somewhat.

GERMANY'S INTRIGUES IN AMERICA.

THE REVELATIONS CAUSE A SENSATION.

LONDON, August 18. The *New York World*'s exposure of the German Government's intrigues caused a sensation. The leading newspapers devote page to the revelations and comment on them at great length.

The *New York Sun* says Count Bernstorff should receive his passports immediately.

The *New York World* publishes further documents showing negotiations by agents of the German Government, to finance the Bridgeport (Connecticut) Projectile Company, which received money from the New York Guaranty Trust Company, acting with authority for the Deutsche Bank.

The *Providence Journal* (Rhode Island) says that two persons employed in the State Department and four in the Treasury Department are suspected of giving information to German agents.

THE TORPEDOED TURKISH VESSELS.

A Sofia telegram says it has been ascertained that the Turkish battleship "Barbarossa" carried ammunition and stores.

The transport "Khios," which was also torpedoed and触礁了, was carrying stores.

HOW GERMANS TYRANNISE THE BELGIANS.

Louvain, August 18. The Germans continue to treat the Belgians behind the firing-line with extreme harshness, and also display the most arrogant attitude towards the inhabitants of Brussels.

A Belgian Senator, named Cugelle, was struck in the face because he refused to salute a German officer who was billeted in his house.

The Germans seized large quantities of furniture, pianos, etc., and controlled over 800,000 francs' worth of goods. At Menin Belgians belonging to good families were compelled to sweep the streets and work in the trenches. Those refusing were made to pay fine of 500 marks and were imprisoned.

ITALIAN SOLDIERS' WONDERFUL MOUNTAINEERING FEATS.

LONDON, Aug. 18. A Rome communiqué states that in the upper Ortler range, between the upper valleys of the Adige and Adige, an Italian detachment on Monday night, marching in sections and roped together, crossed the Cannon Pass, 10,118 ft. high, scaled the ice-clad Tuckettspitze, 11,382 ft. high, surprised the enemy and advanced to the Madatschspitze, 11,250 ft., where they dislodged an enemy detachment and occupied the crest.

A dashing Italian offensive in the Tolmino zone against Santa Vania and Santa Lucia hills, covering positions on the right bank of the Isonzo, captured at the point of the bayonet a line of solid entrenchments, taking 364 prisoners, four machine and much munitions.

THE GREEK POLITICAL CRISIS.

M. Venizelos To Form A Cabinet.

LONDON, August 18. The King has asked M. Venizelos to form a Cabinet. M. Venizelos has asked a delay of four days before definitely replying.

LATER.

Indescribably enthusiastic scenes marked the opening of Parliament. Immense crowds greeted the legislators. The Chamber was crammed, but the Royal Family was not represented. After the religious ceremony a Venizelist President was elected, and there were festive demonstrations of joy in the streets when the result was known.

Then M. Gounaris mounted the tribune, and in a brief speech announced the sitting till the political crisis had been solved.

M. Gounaris went to the Palace, and the King accepted his resignation. M. Venizelos was invited to consult the King to-day.

ALLIES DECLARE COTTON CONTRABAND.

LONDON, August 18. Great Britain, France, Russia, Italy, and Belgium have agreed to make cotton contraband, says a telegram from Washington. Japan's attitude is undefined. Japan will possibly take no action as there is now no German Colony in the Far East.

It is understood that the declaration of cotton as contraband will be defended as being authorised by International law. Probably the Entente Powers will expect the United States to protest, but they intend to argue that the United States proclamations of 1865 make materials for the manufacture of ammunition contraband.

BRITAIN'S ARMY OF AMMUNITION WORKERS.

(Official Telegram from British Foreign Office.)

LONDON, August 18. In the past week, August 10th, was the day appointed for returning the national registration form, everyone between 15 and 65 being now registered with details necessary for the complete mobilization of the nation. Industrial mobilization also proceeds. The Minister of Munitions announced on the 12th that 3,150 establishments had been declared controlled under the Munitions Act. As a result, profits of employers in these are limited, the excess being paid to the State and similar rules or shop customs limiting output are suspended. Mr. Lloyd George, interviewed by the *Times*, said that if the figure one represented output in September 1914, the figure fifty represents the output of July 1915. It will be a hundred times greater in August and the curve will thenceforward rise precipitously. Twelve thousand skilled workers have been brought back from the front, forty thousand new workers have been enlisted.

The Times publishes a series of articles entitled *workshops of war* showing that enormous establishments in various parts of England are now full-going concerns, with gigantic and increasing output. The papers generally hailed the recent British artillery success of Loos as a forecast of future results of the activity.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

ACCIDENT TO THE KING'S EQUERRY.

LONDON, Aug. 17. Major Clive Wigram, the King's equerry, was thrown from his dogcart at Windsor and is suffering slightly from concussion.

A SIAMESE OFFICIAL.

LONDON, Aug. 17. Sam Pa Kitch, the First Secretary of the Siamese Legation, has arrived from Bangkok.

TYphoon WARNING.

The following telegram was received at the American Consulate General from the Manila Observatory at 12.30 p.m. to-day:—Cyclone or typhoon E. of North Luzon, more than 300 miles distant, moving N.N.W. or N.

SCOTTISH SPORT.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

JULY 15.

CRICKET. Cricket matches at Hamilton Crescent, Glasgow, and at Galashiels brought in large sums for the war relief funds. Lochee, after a lapse of two years, are again Public School Champions.

Grange, 71; Carlton, 49; Lorato, 164 and 204; Fettes, 106 and 136; Royal High School, 31; Watson's, 309 for 9.

Stewart's, 57; Heriot's, 63; Brunswick, 10; Kilmarnock, 07; Carrington's Team, 178; Sauchieford's Team, 120 for 6.

Gain, Veterans, 156 closed; Selkirk Veterans, 87 for 6.

FOOTBALL AS USUAL.

At a special meeting of the First Division Committee of the Scottish Football League, it was decided to carry on the competitions as in former years, with the same number of clubs players to receive a maximum of £1 per match. Football will be played on Saturday only, and no player will be engaged unless regularly employed throughout the week in work other than football.

TO-DAY'S CRIMINAL SESSIONS.

Cheong Kai indicated at the Criminal Session to-day on a charge of indecent assault, was sentenced to eighteen months' imprisonment with hard labour.

Kum Sing and Tong Fat, pleading guilty to committing an assault with intent to rob, were sentenced to six years' hard labour each. The Attorney-General said the prisoners entered a house and were disturbed. They were seen running away and two lutes gave chase. The prisoners drew knives and one of the lutes was injured. Eventually, the men were overpowered.

In their sentence his Lordship said that they were determined to put down this kind of thing in Hongkong.

The Attorney-General drew his Lordship's attention to the maritimus conduct of the two Chinese constables concerned. The Chief Justice also commended these men and asked that this should be brought to the notice of the authorities.

HONGKONG POLICE RESERVE.

RETURN OF RIFLES. All Martini and Winchester rifles must be returned to the Armoury on Monday, said his Lordship. Units will parade under the Sergeant-Major at the times stated below. The Master-Sergeant will supervise the return. Ammunition must be returned in safe condition until further orders. No Service Rifles will be accepted for this purpose.

Chinese Company, 5.30 p.m.

Portuguese, 5.50 p.m.

Indian, 5.10 p.m.

All Service Rifles must be returned to the Armoury on Tuesday, August 24th, for inspection and overhauling. Holders of these Rifles will parade for this purpose under Inspector Wilden at 6 p.m. sharp.

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To-day's Advertisements.

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CHONGMING MARU, Capt. J. T. JEFFRIES	30th Aug.	Passage.
NOVARA	1 p.m.	See Special or Call
H. R. HETHERINGTON, R.N.R.	27th Aug.	Advertisement
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FOR TAMSUI and KEELUNG via SWATOW and AMOY.

S.S. "DALIN MARU" Capt. K. Mizukami ... Sunday, 2nd Aug., at Noon.

S.S. "KALIO MARU" Capt. Y. Yamamoto ...

FOR ANPING and TAKOW via SWATOW and AMOY.

S.S. "SOREU MARU" Capt. A. Kobayashi ...

FOR HAIPHONG via HOIHOW.

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TYphoon Signals
STORM-WARNINGS ISSUED
FROM THE HONGKONG
OBSERVATORY.

The following Typhoon signals and hoisted on the Masthead on Signal Hill, Kowloon, the Harbour Office, the Kowloon Godowns, H. M. S. Tamar, Green Island, Standard Oil Premises Lai-shuk and F. O. Quartier, Lyssmoren.

A CONE points upwards indicates a Typhoon to the North of the Colony.

A CONE points upwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the North-east of the Colony.

DRUM indicates a Typhoon to the East of the Colony.

A CONE points downwards and DRUM below indicates a Typhoon to the South-East of the Colony.

A CONE points downwards indicates a Typhoon to the South-West of the Colony.

HORN indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

A CONE points upwards and HORN below indicates a Typhoon to the North-West of the Colony.

HORN indicates a Typhoon to the West of the Colony.

Red Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be more than 300 miles away from the Colony.

Black Signals indicate that the centre is believed to be less than 300 miles away from the Colony.

The above signals will, as heretofore, be hoisted only when typhoons exist in such positions or are moving in such directions that information regarding them is considered to be of importance to the Colony or to shipping leaving the harbour.

Urgent Signals.

In addition to the above, when it is expected that the wind may increase to full typhoon force at any moment the following Urgent Signals will be made by the Water Police Station and repeated to the Harbour Office:

URGENT SIGNALS
OR, PER SECURE.

A Black Cross will be hoisted at the same time, superior to the other shapes.

Storm Signals.

The following Night Signals will be hoisted from the Flagstaff on the roof of the Water Police Station at Kowloon, the Harbour Office Flagstaff, and H.M.S. Tamar.

I. Three Lights Vertical, Green, Green, Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated more than 300 miles from the Colony.

II. Three Lights Vertical, Green, Red, Green, indicates that a typhoon is believed to be situated less than 300 miles from the Colony.

III. Three Lights Vertical, Red, Green, Red, indicates that the wind may be expected to increase to full typhoon force at any moment.

No. III Signal will be accompanied by the Explosive Bonus, as above, in the event of the information conveyed by this signal being first published by night.

The Night Signals will be substituted for the Day Signals at sunset, and will, when necessary, be altered during the night.

SUPPLEMENTARY WARNINGS.

For the benefit of Native Craft and coasting Ocean Vessels, a Cone will be exhibited at each of the following stations during the time that any of the above Day Signals are hoisted in the Harbour:

Fry Rock, Aberdeen
Waglan, San Ki Wan
Stanley, Kai Kung
Cape Collinson, Sheung Wan.

Tai Po.

This will indicate that there is a depression somewhere in the China Sea, and that a Storm Warning is hoisted in the Harbour.

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NAME OF DOCK OR SLIP	LENGTH ON KEEL BLOCKS	BREATH	DEPTH OVER ORDINARY SPRINGS	RISE OF TIDE SPRINGS	NEAPS
KOWLOON	707' (218.5 m.)	87' (26.4 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	707' (218.5 m.)	87' (26.4 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	707' (218.5 m.)	87' (26.4 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	707' (218.5 m.)	87' (26.4 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
Patent Slip, No. 1, Kowloon	707' (218.5 m.)	87' (26.4 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
Patent Slip, No. 2, Kowloon	707' (218.5 m.)	87' (26.4 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
TAIPO-KTSU	607' (184.5 m.)	86' (26.1 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
Metropolitan Dock	607' (184.5 m.)	86' (26.1 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
ABERDEEN	433' (131.5 m.)	84' (25.5 m.)	12' 6" (3.8 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)	7' 6" (2.3 m.)
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Please Address Enquiries to the Chief Manager,

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R. M. DYER, B.Sc., M.I.A., Kowloon Dock, Hongkong.

STEAMERS EXPECTED.

MAIL.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s s.s. *China* sailed from Yokohama on Friday, the 13th August, for Hongkong via Manila. The mail have been transferred to the M. M. S. N. *Nova*, scheduled to arrive at Hongkong on the 24th August.

The C. P. R. Co.'s s.s. *Montezuma* left Vancouver, B.C., on the 8th August, a.m.

Other Vessel.

The American & Oriental Line steamer *Mandaraka* from New York, is due to arrive at Hongkong on the 19th August.

The s.s. *Japan*, from Calcutta, left Singapore on the 15th August, and may be expected here on or about the 20th August.

The s.s. *Dunera* sailed from Calcutta on the 7th August, and may be expected here on or about the 23rd August.

The Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.'s s.s. *Laiwang* left Calcutta on the 11th August, due here on the 27th August.

The Australian Oriental Line's s.s. *Changsha* left Sydney for Hongkong via Queensland and Philippine Ports on 4th August, and may be expected to arrive here on or about the 20th Aug.

Mail will close for:

FORT BAYARD.

Per *Sukor*, at 8 a.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

QUINON.

Per *Tamor*, No. 1, at 9 a.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

JAPAN VIA MOJI.

Per *Ezioran*, at 10 a.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

SWATOW, AMOY & FOOCHOW.

Per *Haden*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

STRaits & INDIA VIA CALCUTTA.

Per *Nemang*, at 2 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

BANGKOK.

Per *Surat*, at 2 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

SAIGON.

Per *Shion*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

WEIHAIWEI, CHEFOO & TIENTSIN.

Per *Kueichou*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

CEBU & ILOILO.

Per *Chiyuan*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

HOKHOU & HAIFONG.

Per *Takwong*, at 3 p.m., on Friday, the 20th Aug.

HAINAN.

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PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Per *Yuenlong*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Aug.

SHANGHAI, NORTH CHINA.

(Europe via Siberia.)

Per *Anhui*, Registration at 4.15 p.m.

Letters at 5 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Aug.

SWATOW, SIANGHAI & NORTH CHINA.

Per *Yuenlong*, at 2 p.m., on Saturday, the 21st Aug.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS, JAPAN VIA MOJI.

VICTORIA, TACOMA & UNITED KINGDOM VIA CANADA.

Per *Mexico Maru*, Registration at 12.15 p.m.

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